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US warns of Mideast Al-Qaeda threat in August

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States issued a worldwide alert Friday warning of plans by Al-Qaeda to launch an attack in the Middle East or North Africa in August.

The State Department issued the worldwide caution to US citizens a day after announcing that a number of embassies would shut on Sunday as a precaution.

The State Department said attacks were possible "particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, and possibly occurring in or emanating from the Arabian Peninsula."

"Current information suggests that Al-Qaeda and affiliated organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks both in the region and beyond, and that they may focus efforts to conduct attacks in the period between now and the end of August," the State Department said in a worldwide travel alert for US citizens.

The alert warned of "the potential for terrorists to attack public transportation systems and other tourist infrastructure."

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The best golden anniversary gift ever for the Madeiras; a week on Aruba with family



The best anniversary gift ever: The whole family together

John and Geri Madeira, formerly of Massachusetts, were faced with a dilemma: after so many years... what could they give each other for their 50th wedding anniversary that would be a change of pace from so many years before?

An idea came to the loving couple, still honeymooners at heart, almost simultaneously, proving the old adage, "great minds think alike."



"Honestly," confessed Geri, "we couldn't think of anything we would want more than to be together with our children and grandkids on Aruba to celebrate this special occasion."

John and Geri retired to Naples, on the west coast of Florida, some years past, and admitted they do not see their children, daughter Sheryl and her husband Michael,

and son John and his wife Jodie, nearly as much as they would like, along with their respective children, Daniel and Dennis McCarthy and Olivia and Ethan Madeira. Their son and daughter still live in Massachusetts with their families, and "sometimes it just seems so far away."

The progeny had only been to Aruba once, prior to this family reunion, and each agreed they are very much enjoying sharing this time with the family matriarch and patriarch, particularly for such a special occasion.

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The best golden anniversary gift ever for the Madeiras

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with good friend Francis Ridderstap

John went the extra mile, secretly arranging a renewal of vows on the beach at sunset, with which he surprised Geri only a day before their celebration. He had personally written poetic words recited, allowing each family member to participate.

Their children and their spouses administered the vows, reminding their parents "that marriage is a precious gift, a lifelong dedication to love and the daily challenge to love one another fully and freely."

"With this understanding, do you, Dad/Mom, continue take Mom/Dad as your beloved wife/husband? Will you continue to be a tender and faithful husband/wife?"

they asked their parents, to which John and Geri fervently responded, "I do."

Even all the grandchildren were included in this special sharing, blessing the affirmation of their union with the wish "for the sun to bring you energy by day," and "the moon to softly restore by night," from Daniel and Olivia. Dennis asked "the rain to wash away your worries," and Ethan concluded with "May you live the days of your lives in peach, love and happiness."

One of the reasons this loving couple has been so dedicated to Aruba is because of the "extended Aruban family" that the staff of their favorite resort, the Divi-Tamarijn Mega All-Inclusive, has become since their very first visit. After their renewal of vows, the Madeira clan enjoyed a special celebration at the Paparazzi restaurant in the Tamarijn with a visit from one of their favorite staffers, Francis Ridderstap, who just had to stop by to wish this charming family a happy 50th wedding anniversary, and many more. Likewise, from the staff and management of THE MORNING NEWS.

By Rosalie Klein

Aruba says "Thank You"



Mr. and Mrs. Bornstein



Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn

The Bornstein's has been coming to our beautiful island for 25 consecutive years and as a thank you were presented with the title of Goodwill Ambassadors.

Another couple presented with the honorary title of Goodwill Ambassadors are long time visitors of Aruba is **Mr. James and Mrs. Terlene D. Terry-Todd** residents of Sterling Virginia, who have been visiting our island for 23 years.

Also honored were **Mr. Eric and Mrs. Durene Vaughn** of Michigan Detroit. The Vaughn's were named Distinguished Visitors after visiting Aruba for 10 years consecutively.

All the honorees are members of Paradise Beach Villas.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 20 years consecutive.

The main reasons the guests give for coming back year after year are: the friendly people, beautiful white sandy beaches, the weather and the local food.

The Certificates and Awards were presented by Ms. Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), and Mrs. Milca Erasmus Human Resources Mgr. at Paradise Beach Villas.



Mr. and Mrs. Terry-Todd with ATA representative Darline de Cuba and Paradise Villas Human Resources Mgr. Milca Erasmus

Recently Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors at Paradise Beach Villas.

Mr. Max and Mrs. Theresa Bornstein residents of Paramus New Jersey were honored as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba.

Government recognition for Nelson Sprok as community leader



On Thursday morning still another citizen received special government recognition during a visit from the Prime Minister to the home of Nelson Sprok. (Read story on pg 3)

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Government recognition for Nelson Sprok as community leader



On Thursday morning still another citizen received special government recognition during a visit from the Prime Minister to the home of Nelson Sprok. During the visit generations of family and friends gathered to be present for the presentation of a commemorative plaque presented Nelson Sprok on behalf of the government of Aruba.

The Prime Minister explained briefly how the various stalwarts of our community are chosen for these recognitions by the government. He indicated that it is the members of the barrio who actually single out

In the case of the Washington barrio and beyond to Noord and all of Aruba, the chosen person was Nelson Sprok. The Prime Minister indicated that to raise a family that is proud of you and that can make you proud both

at home and abroad is a great accomplishment. Today, Nelson Sprok is recognized as such a person. He has a son of whom we are very proud, who directs the Cardiology Department of the most important hospital in Costa

Rica.

Nelson Sprok has always been identified with his Music Box (Caha di Orgel), also for his cultural and community leadership. He is also known as an exemplary father to his children and family.

ily.

Following the presentation of a beautiful plaque and a photo shoot, Nelson Sprok took the Prime Minister on a tour of the company he build, Conar NV. He showed off his large farm of fruit trees and a

presentation of one of his most loved hobbies, the Music Box. The occasion was a joyful one full of good music, food and drinks. Obviously, The Music Box contributed to the festive occasion.

Corruption Watch Aruba demands release of IMF report on Article IV consultation conducted for Aruba in April 2013

April 2013

Dear Sirs,

An Article IV consultation was conducted in April of this year in Aruba. In the background we have been actively monitoring the progress of this consultation and had discussions on this subject with the Representative of the Dutch Government in Aruba.

In light of the recent developments in Aruba with the emergence of disturbing statistics showing a Government which has fueled economic development by greatly enhancing the national foreign debt, greatly increasing expenditures in the public sector to the extent that the cost of public sector outstrips revenues from general taxes levied in Aruba and depleting reserves from the Aruban pension funds, we feel that the imminent release of the IMF final report is of great importance.

In the context of the last five years of global financial problems, faltering economies and the ignoring of warning signs including on the part of the IMF we feel that the IMF has a moral obligation to comply with its own mandate and internal governance and code of ethics guidelines to ensure that the IMF report is released before the upcoming parliamentary elections in Aruba scheduled for September 27, 2013.

We are keenly aware of the fact that the IMF requires the authorization of the release of the report by the Government of Aruba, but in light of the obviously less than favorable contents for the ruling majority government party we have great concerns about the date for the final release of the IMF report.

Our organization as member of the UNCAC Coalition feels it is a conditio sine qua non for the adequate functioning of the rule of law and safeguarding thereof in Aruba, that this report be released before September 1, 2013.

Should the Government of Aruba block the release of the report by this date, we will invoke all means legal and public available both locally and internationally to address this issue on the basis of the criterium "influencing the outcome of elections in Aruba by withholding key documents from public scrutiny" and will not hesitate to take up this issue at the UN and European Union competent levels of authority.

The IMF and the Government of the Netherlands have a key responsibility, authority and mandate to if necessary overrule any blocking from the Government of Aruba to release the IMF report.

We therefore urge both the IMF and Government of the Netherlands to ensure release of the IMF report by September 1, 2013.

And we emphatically request both the IMF and Government of the Netherlands and House of Representatives in the Netherlands to formally acknowledge receipt of this email, either by email or letter.

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Corruption Watch Aruba is a local component of the Global Campaign Project Paradigm of Rainbow Warriors International, focusing on monitoring the rule of law, functioning and performance of the executive, legislative and judicial powers in Aruba and is member of the UNCAC coalition, promoting the UN Convention against Corruption



Texas de Brazil recognizes superlative staff



Outstanding employee 2012 and 2013 Mateo Farro, assistant server



Outstanding Manager Godfrey Vargas, Executive Chef



First quarter Gino Filiciana, 1st cook Carlos Garnica, server



Outstanding employees second quarter Zaida Ospina, Assistant server Julio Valverde, Carver

The famous Texas de Brazil, with 26 outlets in the U.S., is proud of the success of their Aruban establishment, located on the upper level of the La Hacienda Mall. Known for their fabulous salad bar and endless selection of quality meats, sliced and served at your table on giant skewers, the restau-

rant's management readily acknowledges they owe a large part of their success and patron loyalty to their congenial and enthusiastic staff.

On Thursday afternoon, August 2, Restaurant Manager Ruchen and Carving Staff Manager Jesus joined General Manager, Alexander Myer, in recognizing their

outstanding employees, managers and chefs of the first and second quarter, 2013.

They also awarded manager and employee excellence for 2012-2013 from third quarter of last year through the end of the second quarter of this year. This is a newly established policy of the eatery, and the managers expressed their heartfelt gratitude to The Aruba Marriott Resort (Stellaris Casino and the La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino for kindly providing the prizes for the stars of the Texas de Brazil staff.

The staff member named Outstanding Employee for 2012 - 2013 is Assistant Server Mateo Farro, who was recently promoted to full fledged server; Outstanding Manager 2012 - 2013 is Godfrey Vargas, Executive Chef. Outstanding Employees of First quarter 2013 are Carlos Garnica, server and Gino Feliciano, 1st cook.

Those named Outstanding Employees Second quarter 2013 are Zaida Ospina, Assistant server and Julio Valverde, carver.

Management of Texas de Brazil also took the opportunity to introduce their newest staff member: Event Manager Emilia Lopez-Henriquez, who expressed her enormous pride at joining such a great team at Texas de Brazil, "who are truly dedicated to creating a delightful, delicious and memorable experience for all our patrons."

By Rosalie Klein



Texas de Brazil management team



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Meet the candidates of Mrs. Universe 2013



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Mrs Brasil Universe 2013: Priscila Lini



Mrs. Venezuela Universe 2013: Kareen Martinez de Castro



Mrs. Netherlands Universe 2013: Dominique de Haan



Mrs USA Universe 2013: Amanda Grad

Aruba will be hosting the Mrs. Universe 2013 pageant on August 11th.

The message of this year is to "Stop Domestic Violence."

One week long 40 contestants from all over the world will be on the island competing for the maximum title of

Mrs. Universe 2013.

The Mrs. Universe 2013 event starts on August 4th where the contestants will be checking-in at The Westin Resort and Casino.

Tickets are already available at Blossoms Restaurant, JH Yee's and Garage Central at \$40. For information on VIP tickets visit the Facebook page of Mrs. Universe Aruba 2013.

The entire community of Aruba is invited to vote for our Mrs. Universe Aruba 2013 Miranne Geerman. The contestant with the most votes will automatically win a spot in the semifinals during the competition.

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Local and regional team with David Seligman (2nd from right)

The local agent for a comprehensive new coverage on Aruba, Frank Marugg, welcome the Chairman and CEO of Best Doctors, David Seligman, and Managing Director Fernando Riguard, for the official announcement that this innovative program is now available on Aruba. Best Doctors was originally founded 1989 by Harvard Medical School physicians, and maintains headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. It is a leading provider in service and medical insurance, globally, in 70 countries around the world. Their 30 million clients have access to the most renowned and experienced specialists on the globe, regardless of where the patient or doctor is located.

Mr. Seligman cited the instance of a young woman in Latin America who lost her sight over a matter of months. She was scheduled for brain surgery, which can be a deli-

cate and traumatic procedure, when one of their specialists in Harvard successfully diagnosed her problem as being an inflammation due to an infection, treatable with steroids. They managed to avoid surgery entirely.

It is this unique service, of InterConsultation, patented by Best Doctors, which allows clients a meticulous review by a Best Doctors expert, to insure a proper diagnosis and treatment. They offer a wide range of packages, with coverage from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 U.S., allowing insured clientele access to the best treatment possible, no matter where in the world they must travel. They are also offered a choice of the ideal facility and medical personnel. Best Doctors boasts a database of 50,000 specialists as resources, with customers able to access the top 5% of experts in more than 45 medical fields and 400 sub-specialties

in 45 countries.

Other services Best Doctors offers is direct payment to medical facilities, air ambulances and organ transplant. Aruba's Central Bank has approved the company to operate on Aruba, with its policies offered to augment the coverage from the island's national health plan with AZV.

Mr. Marugg and his company, Equidad Financial Services, located at Hooiberg 92-D, are the exclusive agents for Best Doctors Insurance on Aruba. They can be contacted at telephone number 585-1804 for more information and a description of the various coverage packages.

For more information about the company and its history and services, visit their website <http://www.bestdoctors-ins.com>

By Rosalie Klein

India's central bank 'intervened to rescue rupee'

MUMBAI (AFP) - India's central Reserve Bank of India was believed to have intervened in the foreign exchange market Friday to rescue the rupee from near-record low levels, dealers said.

"The RBI is believed to have sold dollars at around 61.12 levels," said a dealer at a Mumbai forex outfit, asking not to be named.

The currency recovered briefly to 60.89 levels but slipped again to end at its lowest-ever closing of 61.10, dealers said.

The rupee, Asia's worst performing major currency this year, hit a lifetime low of 61.21 to the dollar last month in intraday trade.

Slackening domestic growth, weak exports, rising foreign fund outflows and India's high current account deficit have battered the rupee.

Demand for the dollar has also increased amid expectations of a sooner-than-expected scaling back of US stimulus as the American economy recovers, analysts said.

"The rupee remains in a very bearish state. Until the government takes steps to boost capital flows into India, the situation will not improve," said Param Sarma, chief executive of NSP Forex.

Analysts fear that the currency could fall to the 62 rupee to the dollar level or lower in coming months if the US Fed starts to taper off its stimulus.



RBI governor Duvvuri Subbarao, in a speech in southern city of Hyderabad on Friday, said that the bank will roll back recently announced tightening measures "only after stability has been restored to the foreign exchange market".

Last month the RBI brought in a range of measures to prop up the rupee, including raising short-term interest rates and lowering the amount banks can borrow or lend under its liquidity limits.

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US warns of Mideast Al-Qaeda threat in August

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Britain also said it would temporarily close its embassy in Yemen as US lawmakers said the threat likely involved Al-Qaeda's franchise in the country.

"It is much more specific than any of the threat lines that I've seen in the past 10 years," said Representative Peter King, a Republican who serves on the House intelligence committee.

As a precaution, the State Department said it was closing at least 22 US embassies or consulates on Sunday, a work day in many Islamic countries.

The missions cover virtually all of the Arab world and also include two embassies in predominantly Muslim non-Arab nations -- Afghanistan and Bangladesh -- as well as US-run facilities in Israel.

US State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said that some embassies or consulates may decide to remain closed after Sunday.

Britain is closing its embassy in Yemen on Sunday and Monday and has withdrawn staff, the Foreign Office said.

A US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the special alert was issued due to information that was "specific, credible and non-counterable."

Under a policy since the 1988 Pan Am flight bombing

over Lockerbie, Scotland, the United States is obliged to share with its private citizens any safety information provided to US government employees.

The decision to go public and announce a threat comes as the US government faces criticism over surveillance of citizens, which President Barack Obama says is necessary for security.

The United States responded furiously on Thursday after Russia gave asylum to Edward Snowden, a former US contractor who revealed details of US snooping.

In Washington, Republicans have also criticized the Obama administration for not doing more to prevent an attack on September 11 last year against the US consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

Obama on Thursday welcomed Yemen's President Abdrabuh Mansur Hadi to the White House and thanked him for cooperation against Al-Qaeda, including through US drone strikes.

It was unclear if the purported threat was in response to specific events or anniversaries.

Wednesday marks the 15th anniversary of Al-Qaeda's coordinated attacks against the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

US jury sentences Somali pirates to life

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Three convicted Somali pirates escaped the death penalty Friday when a US jury sentenced them to life in prison for the high-seas murder of four Americans in the Indian Ocean.

Federal prosecutors had sought the death penalty for Ahmed Muse Salad, 25, Abukar Osman Beyle, 20, and Shani Nurani Shiekh Abrar, 29, for the February 2011 shooting deaths aboard a 58-foot (17.7-meter) yacht.

The boat's owners Scott Adam, 70, and Jean Adam, 66, both retirees from the Los Angeles suburb of Marina del Rey, had set off from New Zealand to fulfill a lifelong dream of sailing around the world.

Their friends Bob Riggle, 67, and Phyllis Macay of Seattle had joined them for the ill-fated Indian Ocean leg.

They were the first Americans killed in a dramatic outbreak of Somali-based maritime piracy off the Horn of Africa that has since waned significantly in the face of stepped-up international naval patrols.

FBI special agent Royce Curtin, who investigated the case, said Friday: "Today's sentencings should send a clear message to anyone committing acts of criminal violence against American citizens at sea that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."



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San Diego mayor faces recall bid over sex scandal



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A petition to oust scandal-plagued San Diego mayor Bob Filner was announced Friday after his refusal to resign following a sexual ha-

arrassment scandal.

Filner, a Democrat who was elected mayor of the southern Californian city last November, last month admitted he had engaged in "wrong and inexcusable behavior" and enrolled in two weeks of therapy, due to conclude on August 5.

However the 70-year-old's failure to step down has angered colleagues and party officials, including California's respected Democratic senator Dianne Feinstein.

On Friday two private individuals announced a joint

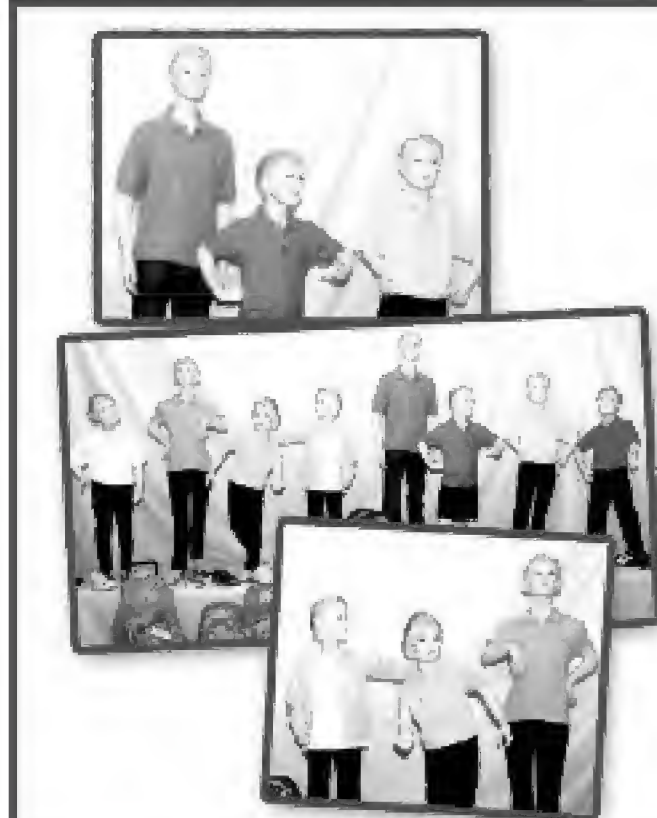
recall petition to seek Filner's removal from office as a ninth woman emerged to make fresh allegations of harassment.

The organizers of the petition must gather 102,000 signatures by September 26 to force a recall election.

The latest allegations against Filner were made Friday by a Marilyn Monroe impersonator who claimed the politician groped her during a fundraiser.

"He hugged me a little too closely and then put his arm around me like this," Gilbert told local television.

"And then he proceeded to slide his arm down and give a grab to my derriere."



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International News

Pakistan TV preacher defends Ramadan baby give-away

KARACHI (AFP) - A charismatic Muslim preacher criticised for giving out babies to childless couples live on prime-time Pakistani television denies he is fighting a ratings war and insists he is spreading charity.

Aamir Liaqat Hussain, one of the biggest stars on Pakistani TV, spoke to AFP as a local foundation involved in the process said a third baby is due to be given away in the coming days.

Hussain broadcasts a marathon 12-hour show each day during the holy month of Ramadan, watched by millions across the country.

He mesmerises his audience with celebrity interviews, game shows, by providing in-studio

meals to the needy -- and, in two consecutive weeks, handing out baby girls to childless couples.

But international media coverage and public criticism of the baby give-aways has seen him vigorously deny that he is pulling out all the stops to maximise ratings in a competitive Ramadan TV market.

He insists the two couples were pre-screened for their suitability as parents, and says he is right to find good homes for abandoned babies in a country without official laws of adoption.

A local charity told AFP it was involved in the screening process that took place before the babies were handed over.

It supported the show for discouraging women from abandoning unwanted babies and men from divorcing wives who cannot give birth.

He said both couples had been screened and went on the show expecting to be given infants. A third baby is expected to be handed over in coming days, Chhipa told AFP.

One of the couples said they married more than 15 years ago but have been unable to have their own child.

They registered with Chhipa and told AFP they were interviewed earlier this month by the charity, before the TV show programme rang them up the day before the show aired, asking them to appear.

Hong Kong billionaire plans huge Australian casino

SYDNEY (AFP) - A Chinese billionaire has revealed plans for a Aus\$4.2 billion (US\$3.7 billion) tropical resort and casino in Australia which he says will be a "man-made wonder of the world".

The Queensland state government confirmed Friday it has streamlined the approval process for Tony Fung's Aquis project near Cairns, plans for which include a casino, nine luxury hotels with 3,750 rooms, and one of the world's largest aquariums.

Fung, from one of Hong Kong's best-known banking families, said the resort would see North Queensland benefit from growing numbers of Asian tourists, particularly from China.

Australian billionaire James Packer already has plans to bring lucrative Asian tourists Down Under to a casino and six-star hotel complex in Sydney he wants to build, but Aquis said its development would be "Australia's only genuine, world-class, integrated resort".

It said it would be an inclusive facility -- "whether a local retiree or a Chinese billionaire, all will be welcomed, treated

equally and feel special".

The planned project, to be 13 kilometres (eight miles) north of the Great Barrier Reef gateway city of Cairns in Yorkeys Knob, will include 1,200 apartments and 135 villas, high-end retail shopping, theatres, a 13-hectare reef lagoon, 18-hole golf course, a convention and exhibition centre and a 25,000-seat sports stadium.

It is expected to create 9,300 construction jobs and 10,000 ongoing positions once operational in 2018, and supporters see it as a "game-changer" investment in the tropical region.

But the development has alarmed some locals in Yorkeys Knob, with the community-elected "King of the Knob" Jim Cadman saying he will oppose the "steamroller" project which could threaten the environment and hurt local businesses.

The state government Thursday gave Aquis "co-ordinated project" status, meaning all approvals -- including environment, social and licensing requirements -- will be handled in a coordinated way rather than separately by different departments.

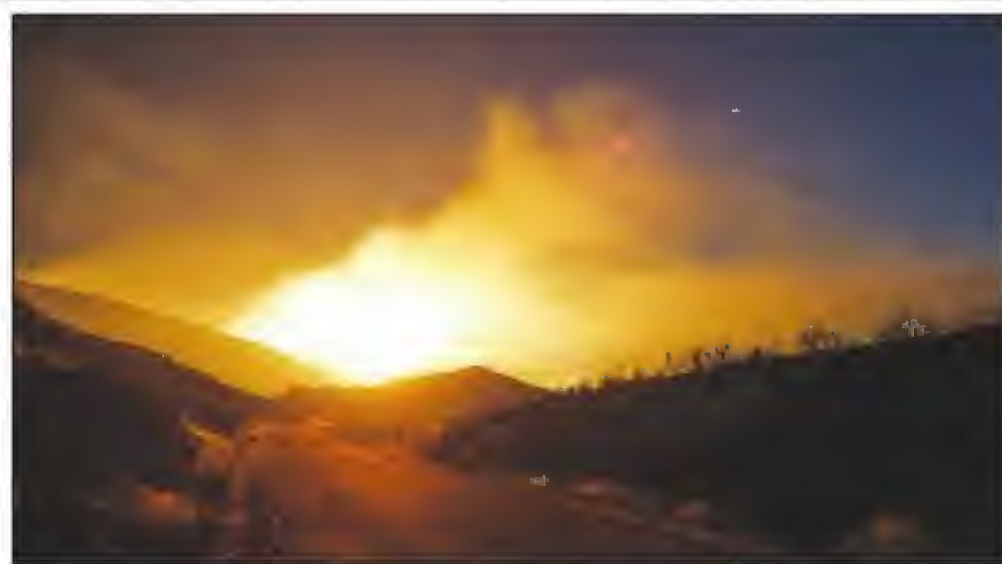
Spain on wildfire alert, central blaze controlled

MADRID (AFP) - Firefighters brought under control a major forest blaze in central Spain on Friday but the country remained on high alert for fires in the sweltering summer heat, authorities said.

Some 130 local residents were allowed to return to their homes late Thursday after being evacuated because of the blaze, which started on Wednesday near Valdepenas de la Sierra, in a farming area some 80 kilometres (50 miles) northeast of Madrid.

That fire was brought under control early Friday after ravaging 1,750 hectares (4,320 acres) and the fire service was continuing to monitor the area, the government of the surrounding Castilla-la-Mancha region said.

The national weather service said most of Spain was on high alert for the risk of wildfires,



with temperatures in much of the country set to exceed 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit).

Spain is highly prone to forest fires in summer when the land lies parched in soaring temperatures that can top 40 degrees Celsius.

Last year wildfires destroyed 152,992 hectares of land from January to July, after one of the driest winters on record.

This year the winter was wetter and there have been fewer summer fires so far, with 17,708 hectares burned in the same period, the agriculture ministry says.

A forest fire that broke out on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca last week burned 2,335 hectares of ground, much of it in the Sierra de Tramuntana, a UNESCO-listed mountainous region.



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--The second annual fundraising calendar issued by noted Aruban author Isaac Chin is now on sale at bookstores around Aruba and the YMCA. Chin pays homage to the beauty of nature with "Aruba in Bloom," and the

vibrantly hued flora to be found around the island. It is printed in a handy, desktop size. Each flower of the month has a brief description in Chin's wry and witty writing style. The calendar portion offers ample space to mark important upcoming events.

Chin has repeated his successful 2013 fundraising effort, which showcased shells from his collection, titled "Gifts from the Sea" and is already planning another for 2015.

This year's calendar was sponsored by Flora and Cas di Max, and 100% of the proceeds from sales will be donated to the Aruba YMCA.

These attractive calendars are ideal souvenirs and gifts for friends and colleagues back home; a pleasant reminder of a visit to Aruba and colorful environment.

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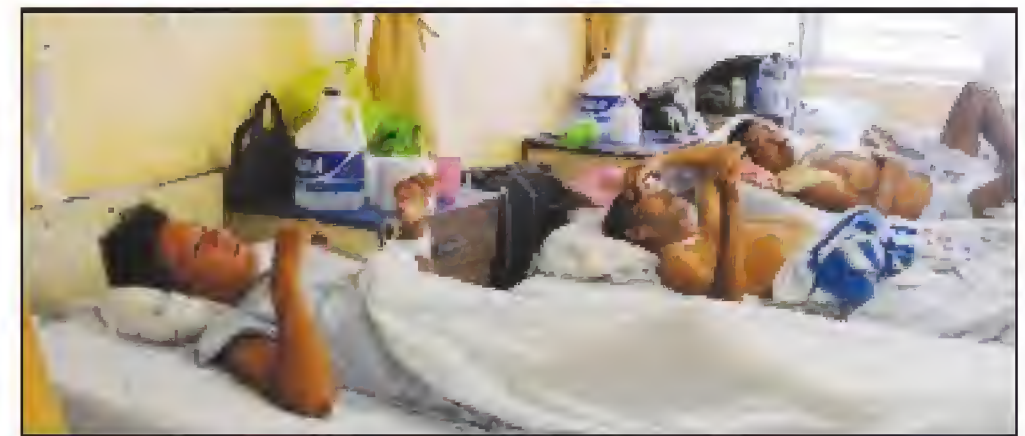
Toll from Cuba alcohol poisoning climbs to 10

HAVANA (AFP) - Ten people have died in Cuba from drinking lab alcohol illegally disguised as hard liquor, according to an updated toll out Friday.

"The mass poisoning by methyl alcohol... has claimed 10 lives," Efrén Acosta, deputy director of Havana's provincial health department, was quoted as saying in a communist-run newspaper.

He added that four other people remained in critical condition, out of at least 60 who have been hospitalized since the poisoning was first detected on Monday.

Authorities say the lab alcohol was stolen by two employees of a state-run pharmacy



institute and then sold on the street as liquor.

Methyl alcohol, or methanol, has similar characteristics to ethyl alcohol, or ethanol, which is what gives alcoholic beverages their intoxicating effect.

Methanol is commonly used in scientific laboratories, but if ingested can cause blindness or death.

The average monthly income in Cuba is 20 dollars, and many people buy food and drink of unknown origin on the black market because it is cheaper.

Cuba, the last one-party communist state in the Western Hemisphere, has been under a US economic embargo for more than half a century.

Australia bumps up tobacco tax

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australia will hike tobacco taxes by 12.5 percent per year over the next four years to boost its coffers and build on its plain packaging campaign against smoking, the government announced.

Treasurer Chris Bowen said "It will provide funds for cancer and stroke-related health services, it will deter young people from taking up smoking, and it will help return the budget to surplus."

"We know that increasing excise is the single most effective way for government to reduce premature death and disease due to smoking."

The move builds on Australia's world-first introduction of plain packaging for tobacco products in December, following its landmark victory in a High Court legal battle with major cigarette firms.

Several other countries are mulling similar initiatives, including New Zealand and Ireland, despite a tobacco

industry-backed challenge to the policy at the World Trade Organisation by cigar-producers Cuba, Honduras and the Dominican Republic, plus Ukraine.

Britain postponed its own plain-packaging plans last month, saying it was waiting to see the results of Australia's rollout.

Health Minister Tanya

Plibersek said half of those people quitting smoking who were surveyed about why they were doing so said it was due to cost.

"By increasing the cost of tobacco we send a strong message to young people not to take up smoking, and we encourage existing smokers to give up or at least cut back," she said.



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Sci-Tech

India revokes local cancer drug patent

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India has revoked a local patent granted to Britain's Glaxo-SmithKline for a breast cancer drug in the latest blow to companies seeking a bigger presence in the country's \$13 billion medicine market.

Tykerb, one of the most widely prescribed breast cancer treatments in India used to treat advanced forms of the disease, is a newer version of GlaxoSmithKline's (GSK) original anti-breast cancer drug lapatinib.

The Indian patent board revoked the patent for Tykerb, calling it an incremental improvement of the original compound and not sufficiently innovative to warrant a patent.

Once drugs go off patent, they can be sold more cheaply.

Western drug-makers are seeking to win a larger part of India's rapidly expanding drugs market, valued at around \$13 billion.

But they say that India, known as the "pharmacy to the world" for its huge generics industry that turns out copycat versions of branded drugs, fails to respect intellectual property rights.



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Qatar sends gas aid to Egypt



DOHA (AFP) - Qatar on Friday announced it has shipped a consignment of liquefied natural gas as aid for the Egyptian people, in its first such gesture since president Mohamed Morsi's overthrow.

State news agency QNA said the LNG shipment was loaded on Thursday and was headed for Egypt on a gas tanker.

The shipment was part of aid decided by Doha "to help reduce the impact of the energy crisis on the Egyptian people" in the midst of their country's political unrest, an official said, quoted by QNA.

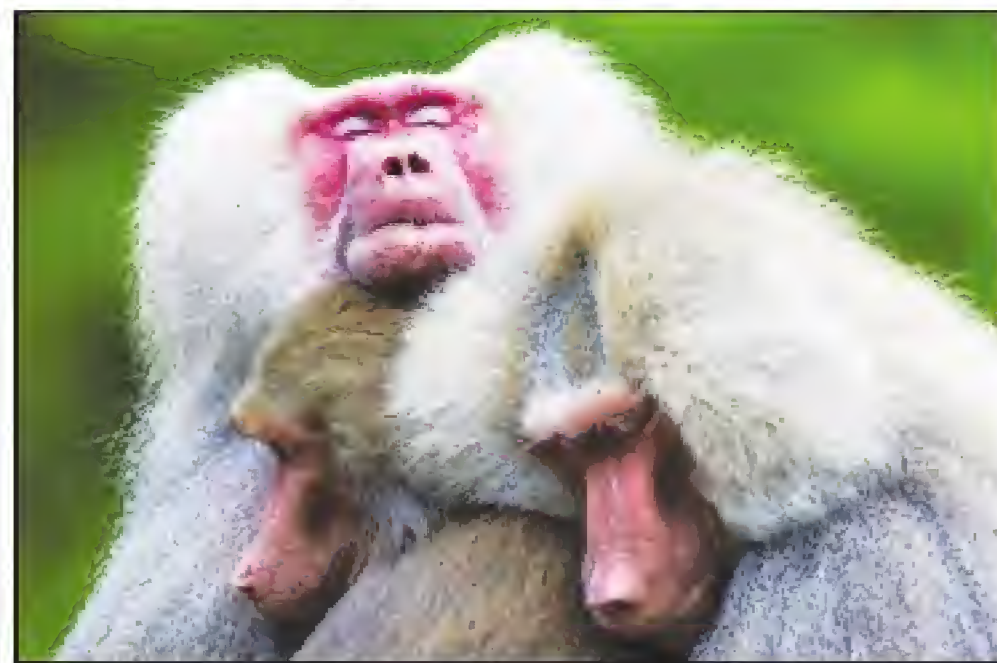
He said the shipment

would help "supply power plants hit by gas shortages during the summer season and at a time of high electricity consumption."

Qatar's aid follows packages worth \$12 billion in assistance to Egypt's interim government announced by fellow Gulf states Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Gas-rich Qatar was a major financial supporter of Egypt under the presidency of Morsi, who the army toppled on July 3 following a wave of popular protests against the Islamist president.

Traumatized baboon mystery at Dutch zoo



THE HAGUE (AFP) - Zoologists are baffled by the strange behaviour of a troop of baboons at a Dutch zoo which have become inexplicably withdrawn, apparently fearful of an unseen threat.

"They became panicked at the end of the day on Monday, they were hysterical, not jumping around but behaving strangely," zoologist Wjibren Landman of Emmen Dierenpark in the northern Netherlands told AFP on Friday.

"On Tuesday and Wednesday they just sat in the trees or on the ground, hardly moving or eating," Landman said.

The 112 east African monkeys also turned their backs on visitors.

The zoo said it was the fourth time in 20 years that the baboons have behaved this

way. Nevertheless, such behaviour has not been seen elsewhere, either in captivity or in the wild.

The zoologist said he has no idea what happened on Monday to traumatise the baboons, who were all born in captivity and live on an island in the zoo.

"I've heard lots of theories but nothing that holds water," Landman said.

These include that the baboons saw a predator, either a real one or an image of one on a visitor's T-shirt, or that they felt an earthquake or other natural disaster.

"The craziest suggestion was that it was caused by a UFO," said Landman.

Despite the lack of an explanation for the behaviour, the baboons have at least started to eat a little.

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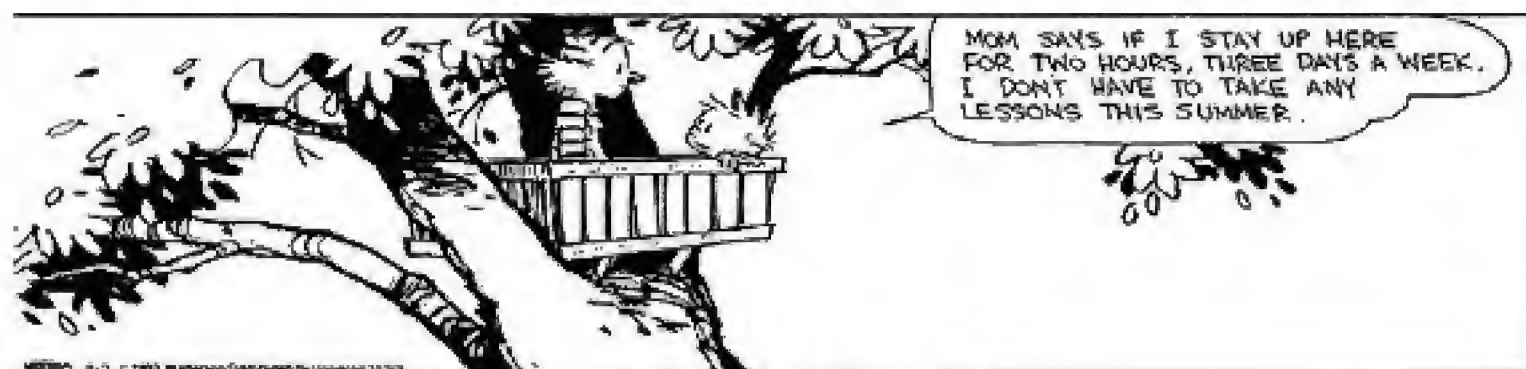
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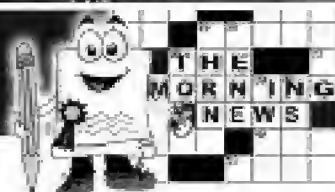
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7. ___-soup fog
10. Racetrack fence
12. Scrapes by
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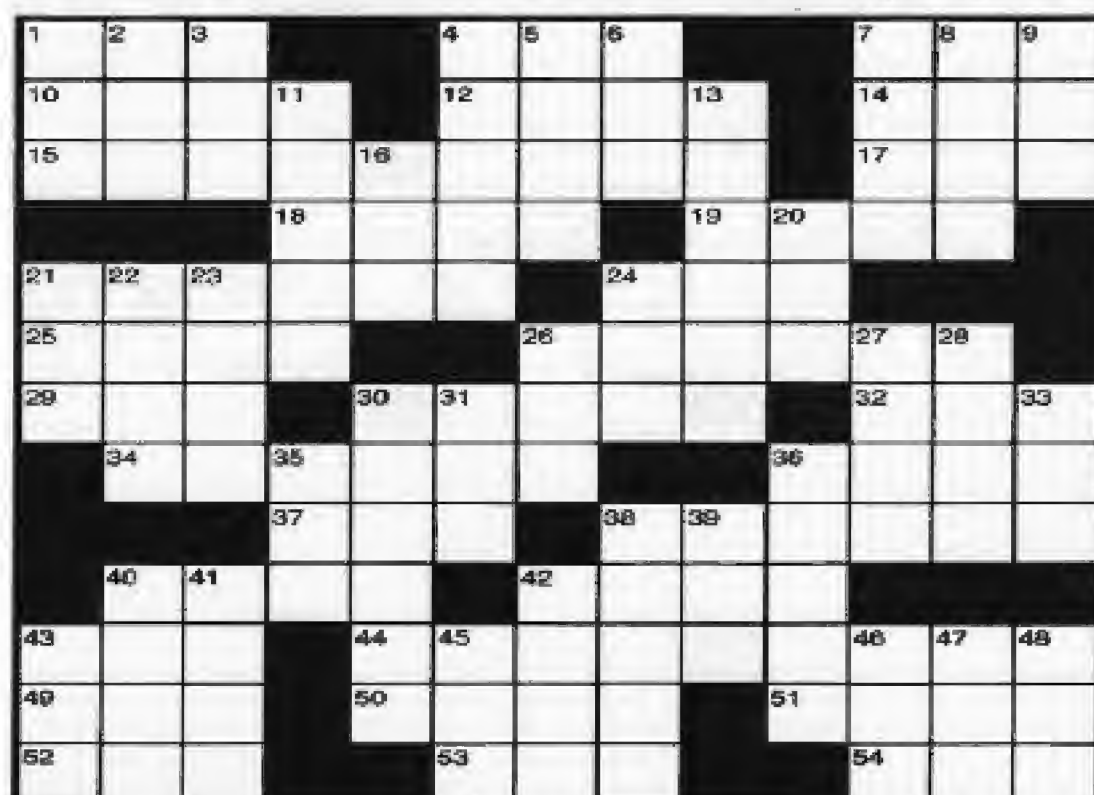
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32. Jailbird
34. Works of fiction
36. Fountain treat
37. Stomach muscles, briefly
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40. Three-way item
42. House (Sp.)
43. Linger (behind)
44. Mirages
49. Fall ill
50. Relative of etc. (2 wds.)
51. Barbecue order

52. Journalist Nellie ___
53. Letters after a dentist's name
54. Legal rule

DOWN

1. Onassis's nickname
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3. Facial spasm
4. Wish granter
5. Similar
6. Vet's "patient"
7. Philadelphia's founder
8. Director Kazan
9. Lackland, for one (abbr.)
11. English peers

13. Real food for Baby
16. Hair goo
20. Shoe width
21. Car starter
22. Tennis's Lendl
23. Lost Disney fish
24. Baron ___ Trapp
26. Mothers
27. Kilt wearer
28. Fuss (hyph.)
30. Actress Reynolds
31. Raised railways
33. Fabray, to friends
35. Kilmer of "Batman Forever"
36. Case or well preceder
38. Transports freight
39. American ship abbr.
40. Release money
41. Unsightly
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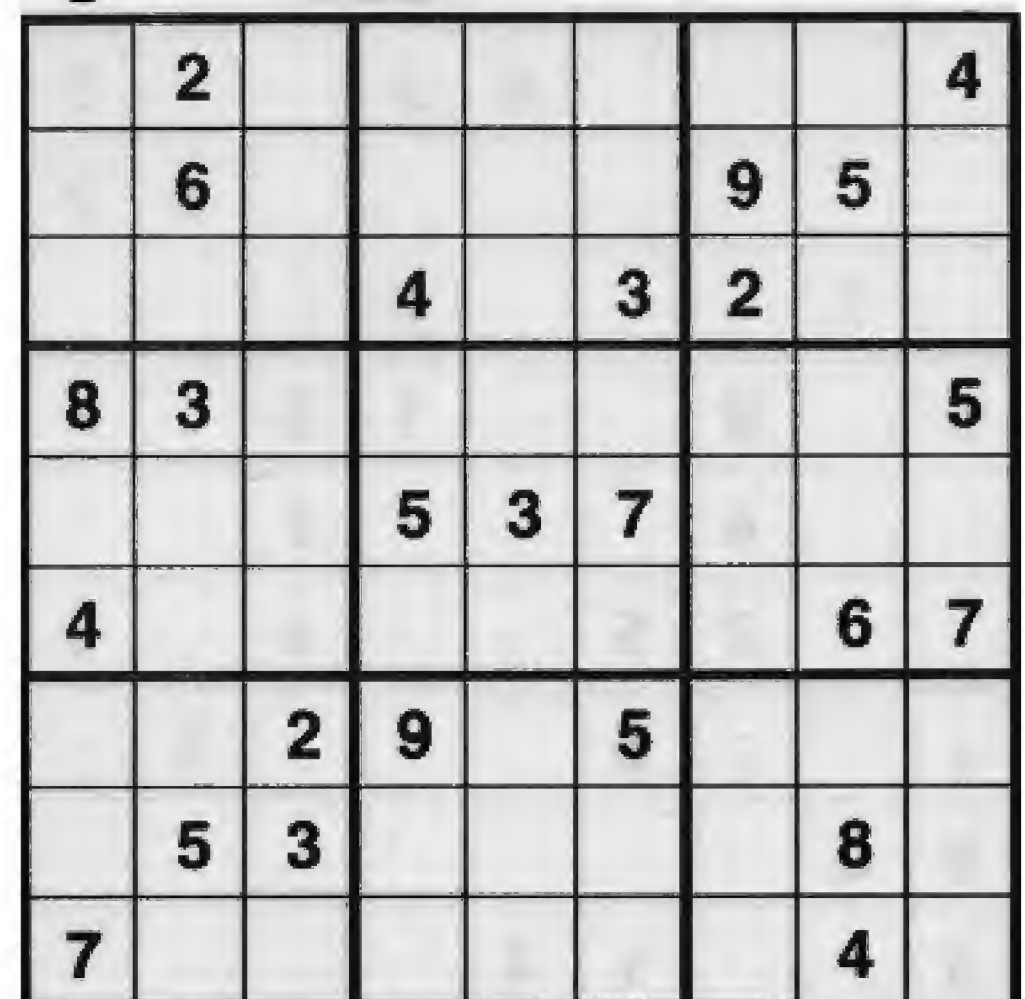
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US unemployment sinks to 7.4% as 162,000 jobs added

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US unemployment rate fell to a four-year low of 7.4 percent in July as the economy added 162,000 jobs, the Labor Department said Friday in a weaker-than-expected report.

The decline in the jobless rate from 7.6 percent in June surprised analysts, who had expected only a one-tenth point drop.

Although jobs growth came in less than expected, analysts pointed to the trend of a slowly improving labor market four years after the Great Recession ended.

The mixed jobs report raised conflicting speculation about whether the Federal Reserve would soon begin tapering its \$85 billion-a-month bond-buying program.

The White House said the data further confirmed the economy was recovering, and called on opposition Republican lawmakers to replace the sequester -- automatic severe spending cuts -- with a balanced deficit reduction plan.

John Boehner, the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, said Obama's stimulus and other fiscal policies had "left our economy treading water with slow growth, high unemployment, and stagnant wages" and argued for his business-friendly party's alternatives.

Private-sector employers appeared cautious about expanding their payrolls amid tepid growth in the economy, adding a much weaker-than-expected

161,000 jobs, down from a downwardly revised 196,000 in June.

In a sign of the weakness of the jobs market, about half of the gains were in retail trade and food services and bars, typically low-paying jobs.

The government added 1,000 jobs.

Downward revisions to overall jobs growth figures for May and June sliced away 26,000 jobs. The average pace of jobs growth over the last three months was 175,000.

The July jobs growth was well below the 175,000 expected on average by analysts.

But at 7.4 percent, the jobless rate was the lowest since December 2008. The number of unemployed people fell slightly to 11.5 million.

The soft jobs news weighed on markets. Wall Street stocks traded modestly lower after setting record highs on Thursday. Treasury yields spiked. The New York benchmark oil price fell about 1.0 percent and the dollar slipped, losing 0.5 percent against the euro.

IHS Global Insight's chief US economist, Douglas Handler, said the report muddies the debate about when the Fed may begin tapering the bond-buying program, known as quantitative easing.



NEW YORK (AFP) - A Motorola employee demonstrates Motorola's Moto X as the American-manufactured smartphone is unveiled August 1, 2013 at a news conference in New York. The Google-owned company said users will be able to customize a number of the parts on the Moto X, including various colors and materials such as wood.

FINANCE

US antitrust regulators bid to rein in iTunes

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The US Department of Justice on Friday launched a bid to more tightly regulate Apple's wildly lucrative iTunes storefront, after the tech giant lost a price-fixing case.

DOJ officials urged a court to order Apple to cut ties with publishers with which it was found guilty of an e-book price fixing scheme.

And the order went further, prohibiting the iPhone maker from seeking to drive up prices by signing "agreements with suppliers of e-books, music, movies, television shows or other content."

Last month, a US district court in New York found Apple guilty of conspiring with publishers to fix book prices for readers using its iPad and iPhone devices.

On Friday, Justice Department officials submitted to the court a list of "remedies" that included making Apple cut its existing ties to the publishers and make it easier for its rivals to sell books on its platforms.

The proposed settlement would see Apple end its current agreements with five US-based publishers: Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins, Macmillan, Penguin and Simon & Schuster.

The tech firm would promise not to enter new contracts with the five to limit price competition in the next five years, and would allow other e-book retailers to link to their products from iPad and iPhone apps for two years.

The fiercely private and independent-minded California company would also be or-

dered to pay for an external monitor who would peer into its affairs to confirm compliance with anti-trust laws.

The DOJ lodged a civil antitrust lawsuit against Apple and the publishers in April last year.

It has since reached settlements with four of the publishers and has an agreement with Macmillan that is yet to be approved by the court.

Friday's proposition on Apple's settlement still has to be approved by a federal judge.

Under the existing settlements, the publishers agreed to end any agreements they have with retailers like Apple to prevent them from discounting titles sold through their platforms.

Through its devices and software, Apple allows readers to buy electronic versions of books online and download them to personal digital li-

braries.

In this it competes with other retailers such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble, which sell e-books through online "apps" on mobile devices, using operating systems such as Microsoft's Windows or Google's Android.

The settlement would oblige Apple to allow retailers to "provide links from their e-book apps to their e-bookstores, allowing customers who purchase and read e-books on their iPads and iPhones easily to compare Apple's prices with those of its competitors."

Apple chief Tim Cook has repeatedly said that the company is devoted to giving people the best experiences on top-quality creations.

Forcing Apple to cut ties with publishers could wind up handing the e-book market to Kindle-maker Amazon.com, according to analysts.

Oil prices sink after mixed US jobs report

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Crude oil prices sank Friday after a weaker-than-expected jobs report in the United States cast a cloud over demand in the world's biggest oil consumer.

New York's main futures contract, West Texas Intermediate for September delivery, closed at \$106.94 a barrel, down 95 cents from Thursday.

In London trade, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in September fell 59 cents to finish at \$108.95 a barrel.

The keenly awaited US monthly jobs report came in mixed and weaker than expected.

Oil retreated after two straight days of gains, which notably found support Thursday from upbeat manufacturing data in the US, China and the eurozone.

Typically a weaker dollar encourages demand for the

dollar-priced commodity.

The US worldwide alert against possible terrorist attacks in August may be helping to support oil prices from further falls, Flynn said.

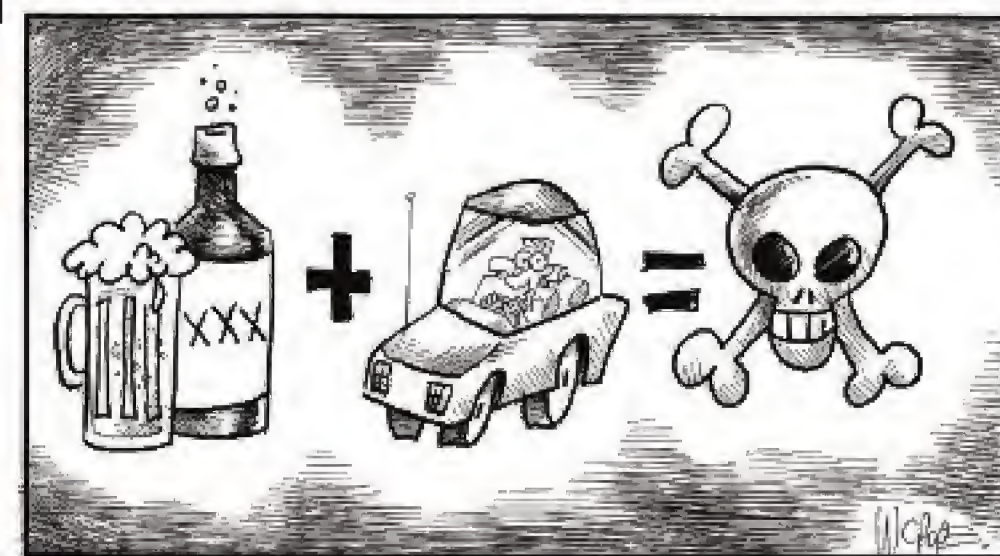
On Friday the US State Department warned US citizens to use caution, warning of intelligence indicating Al-Qaeda continued to plan terrorist attacks, particularly in the Middle East-North Africa region in August.

The warning came a day after the US announced some two dozen embassies or consulates would be closed on Sunday as a precaution.

The warnings from the State Department "might be some support to the market going into the weekend -- some risk-premium building here," Flynn said.

Investors also were focused over potential supply disruptions in the Middle East and Africa.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Aruba introduces ample drug prevention program.... "Paga Tino"



Public Health Minister, Dr. Visser also participating in the FADA walk

-- "A healthy me is drug free" was the slogan for the recently held successful FADA walk. With this walk FADA placed emphasis once again on the problem of drug and alcohol addiction. All efforts must be made to prevent people from becoming addicted to drugs or alcohol.

The government is convinced that the "Paga Tino" (Be Aware) prevention and awareness program is extremely important. Aruba has never before had such a program so ample and complete

with respect to prevention. "Paga Tino" was financed by the Fondo Desaroyo Aruba and is a program designed to enter all our schools as of the 5th grade.

It is believed that this program will have a positive impact on our community for the next years as we envision what it will mean for the prevention of drug addiction.

Shadira Kock, one of the professionals of FADA and a trainer of the "Paga Tino" program, indicated that the project was well received by two

groups who participated in the pilot program. The young people who participated came away very pleased and satisfied. They had many questions and participated actively.

In September the first group will begin the program. Many schools have requested the program be offered to them. "Paga Tino" also focuses on the total formation of the individual. Topics such as hy-



FADA President Carlos Albertus is of the opinion that the program is at the right place, namely, under the Ministry of Health. He indicated that FADA also has attention for the so-called "double trouble" cases. These are addicts who also have a psychological infirmity, which makes treatment and recovery so much more difficult.

The Minister of Public Health requests the community to give this program their attention and to support the program as it goes into our schools at the start of the new school year.



giene, peer pressure and self-esteem are addressed. The primary aspect of the program is the concept of constantly saying "no" and in giving young

people correct information regarding drug addiction so they can be strong to stand up against those who would entice them to fall for drugs.

Ellen DeGeneres to host 2014 Oscars



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Comedienne and daytime TV personality Ellen DeGeneres will host the 2014 Academy Awards, her second time emceeing the annual star-studded event, the Academy announced Friday.

DeGeneres tweeted the news to her 21 million followers.

"It's official: I'm hosting the #Oscars! I'd like to thank @TheAcademy, my wife Portia and, oh dear, there goes the orchestra," she wrote.

When stars and starlets take to the red carpet next March 2, DeGeneres will assume the daunting task of entertaining not only the Hollywood elite at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, but tens of millions of home viewers.

Earlier this year, smart-mouthed comedian Seth MacFarlane held a captive audience of more than 40 mil-

lion people in his role as host.

Academy Award emcees are often roasted post-ceremony, making the job one of Hollywood's toughest gigs.

DeGeneres, who will be hosting the 86th annual awards this year, last hosted in 2007.

She is best-known for her daytime series "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," now in its 10th season and her sitcom "Ellen," which ran from 1994 to 1998.

Among a spate of accolades, DeGeneres received a Peabody Award and Emmy for the "Ellen" episode in which her character came out as a gay woman to 46 million viewers.

In recent years DeGeneres has branched into film, starring as the voice of Dory the fish in Pixar's animated feature "Finding Nemo" and in its sequel "Finding Dory" which is slated for release in 2015.

170,000 Muslims throng Jerusalem Al-Aqsa compound



JERUSALEM (AFP) - More than 170,000 Muslims prayed outside Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque on Friday, as the holy month of Ramadan entered its final full week, police said.

The faithful turned out in droves to prostrate themselves in the vast Al-Aqsa compound within the walled Old City, police spokeswoman Luba Sanri said.

Muslim religious authorities, however, told AFP the number was 300,000.

The compound, a flashpoint because of its significance to

both Muslims and Jews, is several hundred metres (thousands of feet) long and wide and houses the Al-Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques.

Some 3,000 police were deployed to avoid confrontations between Muslims and Jews, who worship at the bottom of the Western Wall, right beneath the Al-Aqsa compound.

Tensions often run high in that part of the Old City, with Jews trying to enter the compound, sometimes in disguise, to venerate it as the site of the Temple Mount.

Jews are not allowed to pray inside the Al-Aqsa mosque compound.

The Israeli authorities relaxed usual restrictions on entry to Jerusalem by Palestinians in the West Bank for a second week, allowing access to women of all ages and men over 40 years old.

Palestinians from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are usually barred from Israel and from east Jerusalem, which Israel occupied in the 1967 Six-Day war and then unilaterally annexed.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

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Baseball: Darvish fans 14 in Rangers victory



ARLINGTON (AFP) - Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish matched his major league career high with 14 strikeouts Thursday to lead the Texas Rangers to a 7-1 win over Arizona.

Darvish, who also struck out 14 Diamondbacks on May 27, gave up five singles and didn't surrender a walk in seven scoreless innings.

In three starts since coming off the disabled list he has allowed just one run.

"He was just outstanding tonight. Everything he threw up there, they just couldn't get on," said Rangers manager Ron Washington, whose

580th career win as a manager put him one short of matching Bobby Valentine for most in club history.

Darvish has struck out 14 batters four times this year.

"I feel like when he goes out there he's looking to strike 10-plus out every night," Arizona outfielder Adam Eaton said of Darvish. "He has the stuff to do it."

The Rangers smacked solo home runs in three consecutive innings off Arizona rookie Zeke Spruill, who was tagged for five runs and seven hits in four innings in his first major league start.

Football: Wenger still keen on Suarez swoop

LONDON (AFP) - Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has revealed Luis Suarez remains his top transfer target despite having two bids rejected for the Liverpool striker.

Wenger was expected to make several high-profile signings during the close-season after Arsenal talked up their transfer resources at the end of last term.

But a move for Gonzalo Higuain from Real Madrid never materialised as the Argentinian striker eventually signed for Napoli, while the Gunners' pursuit of want-away forward Suarez looks to have stalled.

The Gunners last week made a second improved bid of £40 million plus £1 (\$61 million, 46 million euros), which had been intended to trigger a clause that would allow them to discuss terms with the Uruguayan.

But the offer was rejected and Liverpool managing director Ian Ayre insists the Reds have no intentions of selling Suarez, leaving Wenger without a marquee signing to parade in front of the Emirates Stadium faithful during this weekend's pre-season friendly tournament.

With an eight-year trophy drought proving a major frustration for Arsenal's fans, Wenger is under pressure to deliver the kind of big-name signings that would suggest a return to the club's glory days is on the horizon.

So far France under-20 forward Yaya Sanogo, who arrived on a free transfer from Auxerre, is the club's only new recruit.

SPORTS

Swimming: Busy Lochte claims golden double



BARCELONA (AFP) - USA star Ryan Lochte swam an exhausting three events and won two golds at the world championships on Friday as he backed up victory in the 200m backstroke with gold in the 4x200m freestyle relay.

In the backstroke final, Lochte clocked 1min 53.79sec, while Poland's Radoslaw Kawecki set a new European record at 0.45 back with Tyler Clary, the Olympic champion, taking bronze at 0.85 adrift.

The 28-year-old Lochte swam a total of three races on Friday evening, following his backstroke victory by qualify-

ing as the fastest from the 100m butterfly semi-finals an hour later before swimming the second leg of the relay -- all within two hours.

The 21-year-old Kawecki, who won the short-course world title in 2012, swam a personal best behind Lochte in the backstroke final.

Having put on 30 pounds of weight (13kgs) on his break from training after London 2012, Olympic 200m backstroke champion Clary said bronze was acceptable with a view to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Racing: Redknapp's Moviesta lands Goodwood gamble



CHICHESTER (AFP) - Moviesta, co-owned by QPR manager Harry Redknapp, landed a sizeable gamble in the King George Stakes on day four of Glorious Goodwood on Friday.

Redknapp was absent, recovering from knee surgery, but if watching from home he will have seen the 5-1 shot, backed down from 10-1, finish strongly to get the better of his 17 rivals in this Group II five furlong sprint.

Moviesta was continuing the football theme at Goodwood as retired England striker Michael Owen's home-bred Brown Panther landed Thursday's Group Two Goodwood Cup.

Only a three-year-old Moviesta was not even supposed to

be running on Friday as he was only diverted to the King George after failing to make the cut for today's Steward's Cup on the final day of the festival.

Moviesta is trained by classic winning handler Bryan Smart, and he told Channel 4 Racing: "Once he's come his speed was amazing, he's only three, what can he be? He's a superstar, he could be the best sprinter I've had."

"Paul (Mulrennan, jockey) gave him a super ride, he rode work on him on Tuesday and said he's a missile."

Moviesta will now try to keep up the good work in the Group I Nunthorpe Stakes at York later in the month.

Football: Dutch league results

Dutch league results on Friday, the opening weekend of the 2013/2014 season:

Ajax 3 Roda JC 0

Saturday

ADO Den Haag v PSV Eindhoven, NEC Nijmegen v Groningen, Twente v RKC Waalwijk, SC Heerenveen v AZ Alkmaar

Sunday

Cambuur v NAC Breda, Utrecht v Go Ahead Eagles, Vitesse Arnhem v Heracles, Zwolle v Feyenoord



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UFC 163 Weigh-in Results: Aldo vs. Korean Zombie



-- UFC featherweight champion Jose Aldo puts his belt on the line against Chan Sung Jung (aka the Korean Zombie) at UFC 163 on tonight in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"I feel more confident with the crowd because the push

me forward all the time," said Aldo about fighting in front of his home country fans. "I don't care what (Korean Zombie) is doing, how he's training. I can't be beaten here at home," said the champion.

Lyoto Machida and Phil Davis square off in the night's co-main event in a pivotal light heavyweight bout, the winner making a strong claim for a title shot.

Machida and Davis each stepped on the scale at 205 pounds even.

Main Bouts:

-Jose Aldo (145)

vs.

Chan

Sung Jung (145)

-Lyoto Machida (205)

vs.

Phil Davis (205)

-Cezar "Mutante"

Ferreira (185)

vs.

Thiago "Marreta"

Santos (183)

-Thales Leites (185)

vs.

Tom Watson (185)

-John Lineker (129)

vs.

Jose Maria Tome (126)

Lineker was given two hours to lose three pounds.

Golf: Tiger drawn with Love, Bradley at USPGA

ROCHESTER (AFP) - Tiger Woods will tee off alongside Davis Love and Keegan Bradley for the first two rounds of the 95th PGA Championship after the draw was made on Friday.

Groups were announced for the year's final major tournament that begins next Thursday at Oak Hill Country Club, with 14-time major winner Woods trying to capture his first major title since the 2008 US Open.

World number one Woods, a four-time winner this year, will tee off alongside 2011 PGA Championship winner Bradley and 49-year-old Davis Love, the 1997 PGA Championship winner at 8:35 Thursday morning off the 10th tee and go off the first tee on Friday afternoon.

British Open winner Phil Mickelson will tee off Thursday on the first hole at 1:45 p.m. alongside US Open champion Justin Rose of England and Masters winner Adam Scott of Australia in the traditional grouping of the year's prior major winners.

Defending champion Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, who won last year at Kiawah Island, will join prior PGA

Championship winners Martin Kaymer of Germany and Vijay Singh of Fiji off the first tee at 1:25 p.m. Thursday and at the 10th tee on Friday morning.

Other notable groups off the first tee Thursday afternoon include England's Lee Westwood, South Africa's Tim Clark and American Bubba Watson as well as England's Luke Donald, Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano and American Jordan Spieth just behind McIlroy's group and just ahead of the reigning major winners.

Past PGA Championship winners Rich Beem, Mark Brooks and Shaun Micheel -- Americans who have combined for no wins since their major breakthroughs -- are paired together off the first tee Thursday morning.

Other groups going off the 10th tee Thursday morning will include past PGA winners David Toms, Yang Yong-Eun of South Korea and Irishman Padraig Harrington. They are just behind South African Ernie Els, Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell and American Bill Haas.

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BARCELONA (AFP) - Brazilian international Neymar and new manager Gerardo Martino got their first taste of the Camp Nou on Friday as Barcelona destroyed Santos 8-0 to lift the Joan Gamper trophy. The Brazilians were confirmed for the annual glamour friendly as part of the transfer agreement that saw Neymar move to the Catalan giants in June. Martino, who has succeeded cancer-stricken Tito Vilanova, named a strong side on his own first home outing as the club's new boss with the likes of Xavi, Andres Iniesta, Sergio Busquets and Dani Alves starting for the first time in pre-season following their participation in the Confederations Cup.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	66	44	.600	-
TAMPA	64	44	.593	0.5
BALTIMORE	60	49	.550	5.5
YANKEES	56	51	.523	8.0
TORONTO	50	58	.463	14.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	61	45	.575	-
CLEVELAND	60	48	.556	2.0
KANSAS	54	51	.514	6.5
MINNESOTA	45	60	.429	15.5
CHICAGO	40	66	.377	21.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	63	45	.583	-
TEXAS	60	49	.550	3.5
SEATTLE	50	58	.463	13.0
LA ANGELES	49	58	.458	13.5
HOUSTON	36	71	.336	26.5

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	64	46	.587	-
WASHINGTON	52	56	.481	11.5
PHILADELPHIA	50	58	.463	13.5
NY METS	48	58	.453	14.5
MIAMI	42	65	.393	21.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
PITTSBURGH	65	43	.602	-
ST. LOUIS	63	44	.589	1.5
CINCINNATI	60	49	.550	5.5
CHICAGO	49	59	.454	16.0
MILWAUKEE	46	62	.426	19.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	58	49	.542	-
ARIZONA	55	53	.509	3.5
COLORADO	51	59	.464	8.5
SAN DIEGO	50	59	.459	9.0
SAN FRANCISCO	48	59	.449	10.0

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

NFL: Eagles send Cooper away after racist remarks



PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Philadelphia Eagles receiver Riley Cooper was excused from all team activities by the NFL club on Friday as controversy grew regarding a racist slur he uttered in June.

Video of Cooper using a racial slur at a concert two months ago in Philadelphia prompted him to make a public apology on Wednesday.

"The organization and my teammates have been extremely supportive, but I also realize that there are people who will have a tough time forgiving me for what I've done. The best thing for me, and for the team, is to step away for a period of time."

The Eagles imposed a heavy fine and said that Cooper would be required to undergo sensitivity training for remarks that have sparked a backlash from fans and teammates.

Cooper practiced Thursday but had almost no interaction with teammates during rest breaks in the workout.

The Eagles said they were uncertain how long Cooper would be away from the team, which is working out ahead of pre-season games this month and next month's start of the 2013 NFL season.

"This is all new territory and we are going to evaluate this timetable every step of the way," the Eagles said in a statement.

Cooper became a much more important player to the Eagles than last year's reserve role when receiver Jeremy Maclin suffered a torn knee ligament in training camp, thrusting Cooper into a potential starting role.

Last year, Cooper caught 23 passes for 248 yards and three touchdowns.

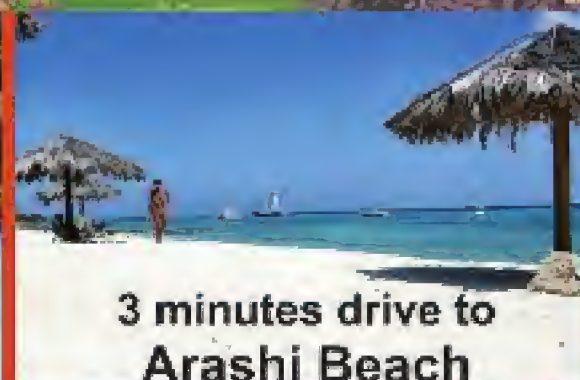
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Pro Football Hall of Fame: The favorites to join the 2014 class

The 2013 Pro Football Hall of Fame class officially takes its place on tonight in Canton, Ohio. Which means that it is not too early to look ahead to 2014.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is celebrating its 50th anniversary and boasting of its \$27 million expansion project.

The first-ballot nominees next year include Shaun Alexander, Derrick Brooks, Tony Dungy, Marvin Harrison



and Zach Thomas. Those players will join a long list of candidates for induction, including some perceived snubs from this year's class, like Tim Brown and Charles Haley.

Other names are: Jerome Bettis, Don Coryell, Eddie DeBartolo, Jr., Andre Reed, Michael Strahan, Aeneas Williams, Morten Anderson, Steve Atwater, Roger Craig, Terrell Davis, John Lynch, Art Modell, Paul Tagliabue.